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SUBJECT: ZUNO KIDNAPPING

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1. INFORMATION ON KIDNAPPING OF JOSE GUADALUPE ZUNO HERNANDEZ REMAINS SOMEWHAT SCANTY. FOLLOWING UNCONFIRMED REPORTS ARE FROM USIS PRESS CONTACTS AS WELL AS GOM SOURCES.

2. ZUNO'S KIDNAPPERS (WHO ALSO APPARENTLY TOOK DRIVER) WERE ARMED WITH PISTOLS AND MACHINE GUNS. THEY LEFT EITHER TWO OR THREE MESSAGES. ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO GUADALAJARA NEWSPAPER REPORTED LOCATION OF MESSAGES. CONTENT OF NOTES NOT DIVULGED AS YET BUT ARE RUMORED TO INVOLVE DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS (SEE BELOW) AND MONEY. NOTES SAID TO BE SIGNED BY FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO ARMADO DEL PUEBLO (FRAP). THIS WAS NAME USED BY KIDNAPPERS OF U.S. CONSUL GENERAL TERENCE LEONHARDY IN 1973.

3. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE PARTICIPANTS IN PRESENT KIDNAPPING MAY INCLUDE JOSE CARLOS CAMPANA LOPEZ AND HIS BROTHER JOSE ALFREDO CAMPANA LOPEZ, AND THESE REPORTS FURTHER ALLEGE THAT BROTHERS ARE DEMANDING RELEASE OF ANOTHER BROTHER, FRANCISCO
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JUVENTINO CAMPANA LOPEZ, NOW IMPRISONED IN JALISCO. JOSE

CARLOS AND JOSE ALFREDO WERE RELEASED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING AND FLOWN TO CUBA. THERE HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT THEY HAD RETURNED TO MEXICO. ALL THREE BROTHERS HAVE RECORDS OF INVOLVEMENT IN LEFT-WING EXTREMIST GROUPS OVER PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS. FRANCISCO JUVENTINO WAS ON LIST PROVIDED BY 23RD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE AS ONE TO BE RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR BRITISH CONSUL AND ARAGUREN KIDNAPPED IN OCTOBER 1973.

4. COMMENT: WE REITERATE THAT NFORMATION IN PARAS 2 AND 3 NOT YET CONFIRMED, THOUGH IT SEEMS COMPATIBLE WITH KNOWN FACTS.
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